

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door comprising:
an outer door skin and an inner door panel defining a wet space on an interior of the vehicle door;
a manually actuable element;
a latch mechanism operable by the manually actuable element;
a trim panel mounted adjacent the inner door panel, the trim panel having a vehicle interior side defining a dry space, wherein the trim panel is waterproof and defines a waterproof barrier between the wet space and the dry space; and
a seal arrangement that seals the manually actuable element relative to the trim panel to prevent moisture from passing to the vehicle interior side of the trim panel.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 ~~in which~~wherein the seal arrangement is provided by sealing the manually actuable element to the trim panel.
3. (CANCELLED)
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to Claim 20, wherein the seal arrangement includes a first seal that seals the manually actuable element to the bezel and a second seal that seals the bezel to the trim panel.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 4, wherein the manually actuable element, the bezel and a portion of the seal arrangement are provided as a subassembly, ~~with~~wherein the manually actuable element ~~being~~is sealed to the bezel by the portion of the seal arrangement.
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 ~~in which~~wherein the manually actuable element is an inside door handle arrangement.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 6 ~~in which~~wherein the inside door handle arrangement includes an inside door handle and a substantially vertical shaft.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 ~~in which~~wherein the inside door handle is integral with the substantially vertical shaft.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 ~~in which~~wherein the substantially vertical shaft is connected to an operating lever, the operating lever operating the latch mechanism.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 ~~in which~~wherein the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the trim panel.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 7 ~~in which~~wherein the manually actuable element is located by a bezel, and the bezel ~~being~~is secured to the trim panel and the substantially vertical shaft is sealed relative to the bezel.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 1 ~~in which~~wherein the manually actuable element is a sill button arrangement.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 12 ~~in which~~wherein the sill button arrangement includes a sill button and an operating rod.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 ~~in which~~wherein the sill button is integral with the operating rod.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 ~~in which~~wherein the operating rod is sealed relative to the trim panel.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 13 ~~in which~~wherein the manually actuable element is located by a bezel, and the bezel ~~is being~~ secured to the trim panel and the operating rod ~~being~~is sealed relative to the bezel.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 1[[,]] wherein the seal arrangement includes an o-ring.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 1 ~~in which~~wherein a periphery of the trim panel is sealed to the vehicle door.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle comprising:
a door aperture having a lower edge seal mounted thereon; and
a vehicle door mounted in the door aperture including a manually actuable element, ~~and a latch mechanism, the latch mechanism being~~ operated by the manually actuable element, ~~and a trim panel, and~~ a seal provided in the trim panel to seal the manually operable element relative to the trim panel, ~~in which the~~wherein a periphery of the trim panel is outboard of the lower edge seal.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to Claim 1[[,]] wherein the manually actuable element is located by a bezel, and the bezel ~~being~~is secured to the trim panel.

21. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the inner door panel includes a hole that receives a portion of the manually actuable element, and the hole allows the inner door panel to be water permeable.

22. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the seal arrangement is elastic.

23. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the inner door panel is water permeable.